



## FISCAL MEMORANDUM

### HB 271 - SB 219

March 22, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (006330):** Establishes certified psychological testing technician as a new level of psychological practice. Prohibits a person from practicing as a certified psychological testing technician without a proper certificate issued by the Board of Examiners in Psychology (Board). Establishes minimum education and training requirements for certified psychological testing technicians. Authorizes such individuals to administer and score standardized psychological and neuropsychological tests and to observe and describe a client's test behavior and test responses. Requires all work performed by a certified psychological testing technician to be supervised by a psychologist or senior psychological examiner, as determined by the Board. For the purpose of promulgating rules, takes effect upon becoming law. For all other purposes, takes effect January 1, 2024.

### FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

**Increase State Revenue - \$8,400/FY23-24/Board of Examiners in Psychology  
\$16,800/FY24-25/Board of Examiners in Psychology  
\$18,900/FY25-26/Board of Examiners in Psychology  
\$21,000/FY26-27 and Subsequent Years/  
Board of Examiners in Psychology**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$47,700/FY23-24/  
Board of Examiners in Psychology  
\$86,800/FY24-25 and Subsequent Years/  
Board of Examiners in Psychology**

**Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Examiners in Psychology had an annual surplus of \$68,247 in FY20-21, an annual surplus of \$57,979 in FY21-22, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$1,251,007 on June 30, 2022.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The certification fee for certified psychological testing technicians will be \$335.
- It is estimated that there will be approximately 50 applicants each year, resulting in a recurring increase in state revenue of \$16,750 (\$335 x 50).

- Due to the January 1, 2024 effective date, the increase in revenue is estimated to be \$8,375 (\$16,750 x 50.0%) in FY23-24.
- The total increase in state revenue is estimated to be \$16,750 in FY24-25.
- The licensure renewal fee will be \$85 and licenses will be renewed every two years; therefore, a recurring increase in state revenue of \$4,250 (\$85 x 50) beginning in FY26-27.
- Due to the January 1, 2024 effective date, the increase in state revenue is estimated to be \$2,125 (\$4,250 x 50.0%) in FY25-26.
- The total increase in state revenue is estimated to be \$18,875 (\$16,750 + \$2,125) in FY25-26.
- The recurring increase in state revenue is estimated to be \$21,000 (\$16,750 + \$4,250) in FY26-27 and subsequent years.
- According to the Department of Health (DOH), the proposed legislation cannot be accommodated within existing resources.
- In order to process the additional applications, the DOH will require one additional Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant 2 position.
- The one-time increase in state expenditures associated with the additional position is estimated to be \$4,300 (\$1,600 computer cost + \$2,700 office furniture).
- The recurring increase in state expenditures associated with the additional position is estimated to be \$86,806 (\$59,496 salary + \$17,210 benefits + \$7,900 administrative cost + \$1,400 communications + \$600 supplies).
- The total increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$47,703 [\$4,300 + (\$86,806 x 50.0%)] in FY23-24, and \$86,806 in FY24-25 and subsequent years.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board had an annual surplus of \$68,247 in FY20-21, an annual surplus of \$57,979 in FY21-22, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$1,251,007 on June 30, 2022.

## CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

*Krista Lee Carsner*  
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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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